

I have read the Rampart's advertisement linking the National Students Association and the Central Intelligence Agency and have noticed no mention of the state of the world in 1952 when the relationship was first established. One has only to think back to those years to recall the massive effort undertaken by the Communist to dominate the National Student Movement. You will all recall the World Youth Festivals underwritten by the Soviets which are estimated to have cost from \$1⁰50,000,000 for the 1950 event in Moscow to \$25,000,000 for the Helsinki Festival in 1962. I believe we owe a debt of gratitude to our student leaders in the early 1950's who recognized the threat to student associations in the free world and who sought appropriate assistance. The efforts which they have made in the intervening years has been successful not only in alerting the free world to the dangers of Communist domination of student affairs, but has also succeeded in blunting the thrust of the Communist effort. There may be those who feel that we should have stood aside and permitted Communist domination rather than assist those courageous young people who wanted to meet the challenge. I for one do not. There will be, I am sure, accusations that this effort was not limited to international affairs. I have looked into the possibilities that this may be true and I am confident that at no time did the Central Intelligence Agency dominate the NSA or its policies.